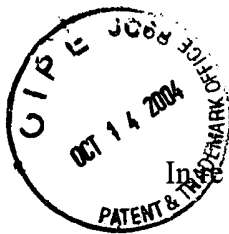


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## RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on October 6, 2004, attached hereto is a set of Formal Drawings complying with the revised practice guidelines. The drawings are labeled "Replacement Drawings". These drawings do not add new matter and only formalize the figures for compliance with U.S. Patent Office rules. In compliance with the Notice, only the Submission of Formal Drawings (non-compliant section) is attached hereto.

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